2011 Texas School Immunization Validation Survey Results: Vaccination Compliance Rates of Kindergarten and Seventh Grade Students Attending Texas Schools

Kindergarten Students in Public Schools

The purpose of the 2011 Texas School Immunization Validation Survey was to assess the number of kindergarten students that were appropriately vaccinated in accordance with Texas school entry immunization requirements (Title 25 Health Services, Chapter 97, Texas Administrative Code §97.63). The Texas Education Agency reported that there were approximately 379,285 kindergarten students enrolled at approximately 4,300 Texas public schools during the 2011 – 2012 school year.

For the Texas School Immunization Validation Survey, a cluster sampling method was used to select 45 schools with kindergarten students. A random sample of 100 immunization records of kindergarten students was selected from each school.

The following table presents Texas statewide vaccination compliance rates for kindergarten students attending public school in Texas.

Vaccination Compliance Rates of Texas Public School Kindergarten Students

Vaccine Requirement*	Percent of KG Students Compliant**
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis Vaccine (DTP, DTaP, DT)	97.4
Polio Vaccine	95.4
MMR Vaccine – 1 st dose	99.3
MMR (or measles) Vaccine – 2 nd dose	97.6
Varicella Vaccine – 2 doses	96.8
Hepatitis B Vaccine	98.9
Hepatitis A Vaccine	96.2

^{*} Requirements for kindergarten students: five doses of DTP/DTaP vaccine including one received on or after 4th birthday (four doses are acceptable if the 4th dose was received on or after the 4th birthday); four doses poliovirus vaccine including one received on or after 4th birthday (three doses are acceptable if the 3rd dose was received on or after the 4th birthday, or any combination of four doses of OPV and IPV received before four years of age is acceptable); one dose MMR vaccine received on or after 1st birthday and one additional dose of measles vaccine or 2nd MMR vaccine; two doses of varicella vaccine or history of disease; three doses of hepatitis B vaccine; and 2 doses of hepatitis A vaccine including one received on or after the 1st birthday.

^{**} Includes students with a medical or conscientious exemption.

Seventh Grade Students in Public Schools

The purpose of the 2011 Texas School Immunization Validation Survey was to assess the number of 7th grade students that were appropriately vaccinated in accordance with Texas school entry immunization requirements (Title 25 Health Services, Chapter 97, Texas Administrative Code §97.63). The Texas Education Agency reported that there were approximately 365,667 7th grade students enrolled at approximately 2,200 Texas public schools (excluding most alternative education programs) during the 2011 – 2012 school year.

For the Texas School Immunization Validation Survey, a cluster sampling method was used to select 45 schools with 7th grade students. A random sample of 100 immunization records of 7th grade students was selected from each school.

Vaccination compliance rates for 7th grade students were high for all vaccine requirements. The following table presents Texas statewide vaccination compliance rates for 7th grade students attending public school in Texas.

Vaccination Compliance Rates of Texas Public School 7th Grade Students

Vaccine Requirement*	Percent of 7 th Grade Students Compliant**
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis Vaccine (DTP, DTaP, Tdap, or Td)	99.7
Polio Vaccine (OPV or IPV)	96.2
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) Vaccine – 2 doses	97.6
Varicella Vaccine – 2 doses	93.4
Hepatitis B Vaccine	99.1
Meningococcal Vaccine	95.5

^{*} Requirements for 7th grade students: three doses of DTP/DTaP vaccine including one received on or after 4th birthday and 1 Tdap/Td booster within last 5 years; four doses of poliovirus vaccine including one received on or after 4th birthday (three doses are acceptable if the 3rd dose was received on or after the 4th birthday); two doses of measles-containing vaccine, and one dose each of rubella and mumps vaccine; two doses of varicella vaccine or history of disease; three doses hepatitis B vaccine; one dose of meningococcal vaccine.

^{**} Includes students with up to date vaccinations or a medical or conscientious exemption.